GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO RUSSIA AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have entered/propose to enter into an agreement with Russia to combat the cross border terrorism and exchange information on matters related thereto; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) The issue of cross border terrorism is discussed between India and the Russian Federation in the context of the meetings of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Afghanistan, which was set-up during the State Visit to India in October 2000 by President of the Russian Federation Mr. Vladimir Putin.Five Sessions of the JWG on Afghanistan have already been held.India and the Russian Federation have also discussed the issue of cross border terrorism in the context of the meetings of the Joint Coordination Group on International Terrorism under the aegis of the National Security Councils of the two countries.A Moscow Declaration on International Terrorism between India and the Russian Federation was signed during the State Visit to the Russian Federation by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in November 2001.The Government have also proposed to the Government of the Russian Federation an Agreement for the setting-up of an Indo-Russian Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism.The response of the Government of the Russian Federation is awaited.